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Statistics paint a startling and frightening picture of school violence in America. Understanding the real problem is essential to focus national attention and to bring about awareness that energy must be committed to preventing violence. The 27 items in this collection are organized into 4 comprehensive sections. Section 1, "Attention: Guns, Gangs, and Grades," includes articles that heighten our awareness of the violence problem. Information is presented on the scope of the problem, and on contributing factors that include gangs and the influence of the media. Section 2, "Prevention: People, Policies, and Programs," discusses strategies for combatting school violence. "Intervention: Crisis, Communication, and Commitment," section 3, considers aspects of intervention and provides some examples of efforts that have succeeded. Section 4, "Honorable Mention: Agencies, Bureaus, and Coalitions," lists 22 important resource organizations, 38 publications, and 31 other sources for information about the school violence problem. (Contains 8 references.) (SLD)

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